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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. DAVID PINES, US NO-CHAIRMAN OF PHYSICS JWG (01.08) REQUESTS THAT NAS CONTACT ASAP WILLIAM BRINKMAN (201-464-6176) OR ELIHU ABRAHAMS (609-924-7483) TO ASCERTAIN THEIR VIEWS CONCERNING THE CONTINUATION OF COOPERATIVE ACTIVITY IN THE FIELD OF CONDENSED MATTER THEORY. PINES IN PARTICULAR REQUESTS GUIDANCE ON WHETHER OR NOT US GROUP WILL PROCEED WITH PLANS FOR 1979 CONDENSED MATTER THEORY RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM IN THE WAKE OF CANCELLATION OF US PARTICIPATION IN THIS YEAR'S SYMPOSIUM (REF A). IF SO, HE PLANS TO BEGIN LAYING GROUNDWORK NOW CONFIDENTIAL

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WITH SOVIETS FOR FUTURE COOPERATIVE ACTIVITY. PINES IS MEETING REGULARLY WITH I.M. KHALATNIKOV, DIRECTOR, LANDAU INSTITUTE OF THEORETICAL PHYSICS AND E.P. VELIKHOV, AN ACADEMY VICE PRESIDENT, TO DISCUSS THESE QUESTIONS. PINES ALSO IS SEEKING A MEETING WITH SCST CHAIRMAN KIRILLIN.

2. FOR NAS. PINES REQUESTS RESPONSE PRIOR TO HIS 1815

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(LOCAL) MAY 24 DEPARTURE. PLEASE PROVIDE IF POSSIBLE,
REQUESTED GUIDANCE BY IMMEDIATE CABLE. END UNCLASSIFIED.

3. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL. COMMENT - PINES IS OBVIOUSLY
DEEPLY ENGAGED PERSONALLY IN PHYSICS COOPERATION, FINDS
HIMSELF IN AN EXTREMELY EMBARRASSING POSITION, AND WISHES
TO GET THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM BACK ON TRACK ASAP
WHILE THE EMBASSY SYMPATHIZES WITH PINES'
PREDICAMENT, WE BELIEVE THAT, AT BEST, THE US POSITION
REGARDING FUTURE COOPERATIVE PLANS IN PHYSICS
SHOULD BE TEMPORIZING. AN IMMEDIATE POSITIVE EXPRESSION
NOF US INTENT TO PROCEED WITH A FOL
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CHANGES WOULD IN OUR OPINION, CONTRADICT THE RECENT US
DELEGATION DECISION TO CANCEL ITS PARTICIPATION IN THIS
SYMPOSIUM THIS WEEK WHICH WE BELIEVE IS A APPROPRIATE
EXPRESSION OF INDIGNATION ON THE PART OF THE US PHYSICS
COMMUNITY REGARDING THE TREATMENT ACCORDED ORLOV. MATLOCK

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